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Dear Parents and carers,

I am sure that you are now fully aware of the government's decision to close schools to the majority of children at the end of the day on Friday.

I know that you will have so many questions around this – as ever, these daily briefings create more than they answer.

You will appreciate that we are hearing the news this evening for the first time just as you are so please bear with us whilst we digest the information, seek guidance and make plans for the coming weeks.

As soon as I have any further details or more information to give you, please trust that I will communicate these to you. This will be via email so please ensure that you are checking these regularly tomorrow and on Friday.

In the meantime:

On Thursday and Friday, school will remain open to all children who are well enough to attend and for families who are not self-isolating:

- If you experience a new continuous cough and/or high temperature your household must self-isolate for 14 days.

To allow us to have time to plan accordingly, could I please ask that you avoid contacting the school with queries about the statements made by the Prime Minister this evening?

We will be working flat out tomorrow to find the answers ourselves and plan for the closure. I promise that we will give you information as we have it, when it is finalised and ready to share.

I know you will be worried and concerned but at this time, about all of the ramifications of the latest developments. But...we will do our best to support each other, get through this and emerge intact. We are a strong community and now is the time to reap the benefits.

With all best wishes and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen McNicholas

Headteacher

"In our school children, staff, parents and carers, governors and parish will work together to create a caring, learning environment with Our Lord as the focal point in which each child is valued as an individual, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil his/her potential."